GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECTS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of projects were cleared in the private sector in the past yet no capacity addition to the power generation has been noticed since 1992;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any time limit has been given while clearing the proposals to commence the production of power;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of power projects cleared for Thermal as well as Hydel in the private sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b): Upto 30.6.2000, a total of 57 private sector power projects have been accorded techno-economic clearance (TEC) by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) out of which, 9 projects having a total capacity of around 3200 MW, have already been commissioned and 11 projects having a total capacity of around 4100 MW are under construction;

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir, different deadlines have been prescribed from time to time as indicated below:-

(i) In the matter of obtaining the `in principle clearance` of CEA by projects on the Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU) route.

(ii) In the matter of submission of Detailed Project Report

(DPR) to CEA by MOU route projects for consideration of TEC.

(iii) For achieving financial closure and submission of firm financial package by the project accorded TEC.

(iv) For achieving financial closure and finalisation of fuel supply agreement etc., (prescribed by the agencies providing fuel linkage).

(v) Time schedules are prescribed by CEA in regard to projects accorded TEC for commissioning of different units of the power plants.

(e): Of the total of 57 private sector power projects accorded TEC by the CEA, 5 are hydro-electric projects and 52 are thermal projects.